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SUBJ: UPGRADE OF TAB VEE COMMUNICATIONS

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SUMMARY. AFTER YEARS OF EFFORT USAFE HAS ACHIEVED AGREEMENT ON RECOUPMENT OF A REASONABLE PORTION OF ITS PREFINANCED EXPENDITURE FOR AIRFIELD SHELTER COMMUNICATIONS. REFTEL PROPOSES THAT SOME OF THE RECOUPMENT BE APPLIED TO IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMUNICATIONS FOR NON-NATO SHELTERS. ACTION REQUESTED: VERIFICATION OF LEGALITY OF THE PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ORDER TO RENDER OPERATIONAL THE ORIGINAL TAB VEE AIRCRAFT SHELTERS PREFINANCED BY USAFE PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF NATO CRITERIA, USAFE ALSO PREFINANCED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AT EACH BASE. IT WAS RECOGNIZED AT THAT TIME THAT A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE OVERALL EXPENDITURE WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR RECOUPMENT IN THAT (1) IT MIGHT NOT FORM PART OF THE ULTIMATE NATO COMMUNICATIONS SCHEME OF (2) IT WOULD SERVE THE 30 PERCENT OF THE SHELTERS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NATO FUNDING.

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2. REFTEL ANNOUNCES THAT NATO HAS NOW AGREED ON AN UPGRADE PROGRAM FOR THE PREFINANCED COMMUNICATIONS AT BITBURG WHICH IS PROPOSED AS A MODEL FOR THE OTHER AIRFIELDS. WE HAVE EXAMINED THE PROPOSAL WITH USAFE AND NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF REPS AND

BELIEVE IT TO BE VERY FAVORABLE TO THE US IN THAT OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE PREFINANCED AMOUNT HAS BEEN QUALIFIED FOR RECOUPMENT.

3. THE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR NATO TO REIMBURSE DOLLARS 164,000 TO THE US AND TO CONTRIBUTE ANOTHER DOLLARS 454,000 TO UPGRADE THE SYSTEM TO NATO STANDARDS. IT ALSO CALLS FOR A NEW US CONTRIBUTION OF DOLLARS 67,000 TO UP GRADE THE PORTION OF THE SYSTEM SERVING NON-NATO SHELTERS (PRINCIPALLY TO RENDER THE INSTALLATION EXPLOSION PROOF AS REQUIRED BY GERMAN CODES). USAF PROPOSES TO OFFSET THIS AMOUNT AGAINST THE DOLLARS 164,000 FOR A NET RECOUPMENT OF DOLLARS 97,000.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT THE DILIGENT EFFORTS OF USAF PERSONNEL HAVE ACHIEVED A FAR GREATER RECOUPMENT THAN WAS EVER ENVISAGED AND WOULD, THEREFORE, SUPPORT THEIR UNUSUAL PROPOSAL IF IT IS LEGAL. TEQUEST OSD VERIFICATION. STRAUZ-HUPE

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